



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 15, 2018
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 15, 2018 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Governing Board Member Isabel Hacker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Vice Chair Saleh, Chair Berman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Rachel L. Evans, Linda Kyriazi

Commissioner Blumenfeld arrived at 9:46 a.m.

Chair Berman request a moment of silence for the victims and their family members involved in the Florida tragedy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Mark Elliot spoke to the Commission about the Human Relations Commission 2018 Work Plan Exercise and the Community Assistance Grant Fund.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of the Chair, Tab 6, 2018-2019 Community Assistance Grant Fund was moved ahead to accommodate a speaker.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2018.

MOTION by Vice Chair Saleh, SECONDED by Friedman to approve the Meeting Minutes.
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AYES: Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Saleh, Berman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Blumenfeld

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Governing Board Member Isabel Hacker provided the Commission with an update.

Beverly Hills Police Department

No representative was able to attend.

Chair Berman provided an updated from the February Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tenant Landlord Forum

Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans updated the Commission on inquiries from tenants and landlords. Most of the calls have been appropriate for the City's new Rent Stabilization Division in addition to the City's legal partner Bet Tzedek. With this new Customer Service Team, residents are being referred in the correct direction.

Commissioner Friedman requested Director of Community Development Susan Keene provide an update at next month's Commission meeting.

3. Human Relations Commission 2018 Work Plan Exercise

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey updated the Commission on the Priority Setting Exercise for 2018 – 2019 requested by City Council. The Commission is asked to review the status of their existing work plan and develop similar or new proposals.

Current Council Priorities: Community Assistance Grant Fund Program, Beverly Hills Ambassador Program and Tenant Landlord Forum.

The Commission agreed to continue with the following programs: Embrace Civility Award, Civility Month, Acts of Kindness Civility Statement, and the Bullying Prevention Video Contest.

The Commission will discuss implementation of some of the projects at future meetings.

4. Random Acts of Kindness

Chair Berman commented on the successful week that started on Sunday at the Farmers' Market and continued with Monday's Walk with the Mayor, Tuesday's Storytime at the Beverly Hills Public Library and the delivery of the student made Valentine's Day cards on Wednesday.

Rachel Evans thanked the Commission for their participation and showed photos from each event.

The Commissioners shared their Random Acts of Kindness stories.

5. 2018 Beverly Hills Homeless Count

Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans updated the Commission on the January 24, 2018 Homeless Count which included over sixty (60) volunteers including Commissioner Friedman and his wife, Police, their bicycle patrol unit, the CLASP Team, Human Services along with City employees. Fifteen (15) homeless individuals were counted, which is a decrease in last year's count of twenty-two (22)

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2018-19 Community Assistance Grant Fund Process

Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans updated the Commission on the Community Assistance Grand Fund Process. The deadline for submission was February 2, 2018 and twenty (20) applications have been received. Eighteen (18) were from traditional social services providers and two (2) were from cultural organizations and three (3) of those twenty were new applicants.

The first meeting with the Charitable Solicitations Commission liaisons along with the Human Relations Commission liaisons will soon be scheduled.

STATUS REPORTS

7. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Human Services Specialist Rachel Evans informed the Commission that Human Services Administrator James Latta along with Operations Manager Kris Zagya spoke at the Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau (BHCVB) about their services and discussed panhandling and how the Ambassadors could be contacted for assistance.

The current statistics show that homeless outreach has decreased in addition to illegal camping and carts returned to local stores.

Chair Berman asked what would be involved to expand the boundary of the Ambassador's patrol area. Staff will research.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Administrator's Report

- On February 7, 2018 the Human Services staff provided an Ambassador presentation to the Conference and Visitors Bureau.
- The Chronic Homeless Assistant Team (CHAT) that includes Police, Fire, City Prosecutor and the Human Services staff, meets on a monthly basis to discuss the highest utilizer of City services and to make sure they're being served in the most appropriate ways.

Calendar for 2018 Regular Meetings

- Reviewed


Chair Berman spoke to the Fire Chief who was unable to attend today's Commission Meeting, but is scheduled for the March Commission meeting.

9. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items.
- Reviewed.
 - Commissioner Popovich Levyn informed the Commission that other cities were installing Homeless Parking Meter. Staff to provide information at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

February 15, 2018 at 10:51 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15th day of March 2018.



Sonia Berman, Chair

ANNETTE SALEH, VICE CHAIR